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Commissioner for Patents  
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TRANSMITTAL OF PATENT APPLICATION FOR FILING

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): Randall L. Ruddle et al.

For: METHOD OF PREPARING POULTRY DRUMSTICK FOR  
FRYING, AND FOOD PRODUCT THEREFROM

Related Application of:

Enclosed are papers, identified as follows:

- 3 - Sheets of Drawings
- Informal if this line is checked

- X - Declaration or Oath and Petition, Power of Attorney
  - to follow if this line is checked
- X - Specification and Claims
  - X - Utility Application
  - Design Application
- X - Small Entity Claim Status
  - X - Individual Inventor(s)
  - Small Business Concern
- X - Information Disclosure Statement
- X - NONPUBLICATION REQUEST

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	- Design -----	\$340
X	- Utility Basic Fee -----	\$770
	Total Claims 8 minus 20 = X\$18 =	
	Independent Claims 1 minus 3 = X\$86 =	
	Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims =	
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	Filing Fee submitted herewith by check -----	\$385
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Respectfully submitted,

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NONPUBLICATION REQUEST  
UNDER

First Named Inventor -  
Randall L. Ruddle et al.

Title - Method of Preparing Poultry Drumstick for  
Frying, and Food product Therefrom

35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

Docket Number - 408RJD

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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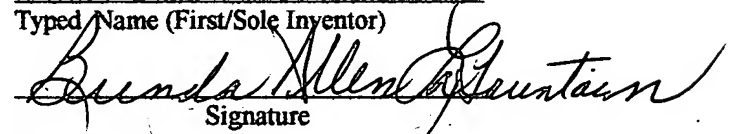
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